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Prosecutor Curry recognized for support of military employees

*Department of Defense award presented for extraordinary support
of employees serving in the Indiana Guard and Reserve*

(Indianapolis, Ind.) Marion County Prosecutor Terry Curry was honored today with the Above and Beyond award by the Indiana Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense office, in recognition of extraordinary support of employees who serve in the Indiana Guard and Reserve. Prosecutor Curry and other Indiana employers were recognized at a luncheon where Governor Mike Pence and Indiana Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger presented the award.



Three deputy prosecutors - Ben Strahm, Tim Turner and Tim Baldwin - have been deployed overseas during their employment with the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, which included tours as Judge Advocates with the JAG Corps. Another, Matthew Symons, recently returned from training to become a Judge Advocate.

While the deputy prosecutors were deployed, the Marion County Prosecutor's Office held their jobs, continued their health insurance coverage and ensured student loan stipends were paid. Deputy prosecutors and staff members also teamed up to cover caseloads in their colleagues' absence.

"As our nation asks our citizen soldiers to do more, it is essential we all work together on the homefront to seamlessly integrate them into our communities once they return," said Prosecutor Curry. "It is an honor to accept this award on behalf of our office, because it is the men and women of the Marion County Prosecutor's Office who ensured a smooth transition for our colleagues during and after their deployments."

According to Mr. Steve Lynch, Indiana ESGR State Chair, "The ESGR Above and Beyond Award was created by ESGR to publicly recognize American employers providing extraordinary patriotic support and cooperation to their employees, who like the citizen warriors before them, have answered their nation's call to serve. Supportive employers are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation's Guard and Reserve units."

In 2013, Prosecutor Curry received the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriot Award, an honor recognizing supervisors nominated by a Guardsman or Reservist employee for support provided to the employee.

Prosecutor Curry is a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served early in his career as an enlisted soldier from 1971 to 1973.